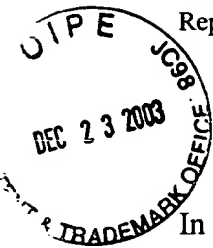


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

This paper is responsive to the office action mailed September 23, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants request two (2) months extension of time until December 23, 2003 within which to respond to the office action. The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 in the amount of \$420.00 (a Fee Transmittal is attached). If additional fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the office action, Applicants elect, without traverse, the invention of Group I, i.e., claims 9-24, drawn to a method for annotating a web-based document and viewing the annotated document, classified in class 715, subclass 512. Applicants reserve the right to file a

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divisional application directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims prior to the termination of proceedings in this patent application.


A Fee Transmittal is attached. If additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the additional fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0733 or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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